IDAHO'S OUT-OF-SCHOOL PROGRAMS



### What are out-of-school programs?

Out-of-school programs include all opportunities and programs available to school-age youth outside of the school day including before school, after school, evening, during school breaks, on weekends, or during the summer. Programs can include one-time opportunities or programming offered on a consistent basis.

Decades of research show out-of-school programs help kids learn, grow, and avoid risky behaviors. Programs spark interest in learning so students attend school more often, get better grades, and improve their behavior in class. Through new learning experiences, young people discover what they love to do and gain the skills they need to land that first job.

# Kids ages 6 to 18 spend 20% of their waking hours in school.

How they spend the other 80% of their time impacts their success in school, well-being, and readiness for the future.

In 2017, Idaho children participating in out-ofschool programs for at least 90 days increased their Idaho Standard Achievement Test scores by

+35 points in Math +37 points in English Language Arts

ENROLLED 23,361 STUDENTS

WAITING 111,583 STUDENTS For every Idaho student in an out-of-school program, **5 more would participate** if a program were available.

**Out-of-School** 

### Across America, 1 in 5 kids are alone and unsupervised from 3 to 6 p.m.

These are the hours when juvenile crime and victimization peak—and many parents are still at work. When kids have no place to go after school, they miss out on valuable learning opportunities, parents lose 8 days of work and businesses lose up to \$300 billion a year.

### 2 in 3

Idaho parents say out-of-school programs give them peace of mind and help them keep their jobs

## 7 in 10

Idaho parents believe out-of-school programs reduce the likelihood that kids will engage in risky behaviors

Research shows that every \$1 invested in out-ofschool programs saves at least \$3 by:

Increasing kids' learning potential Improving kids' performance at school Reducing crime and juvenile delinquency

### Funding remains a major barrier for out-of-school programs in Idaho, despite strong support.

21st Century Community Learning Center grants are the only dedicated source of federal support for local out-of-school programs. Demand for programs is so great that 2 out of every 3 applications cannot be funded.



86% of Idaho parents support public funding for out-of-school programs